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SUBJECT: SHELL AGBADA FLOW STATION SHUT DOWNS

Shell Shuts Agbada Flow Stations

[1](#)1. (U) Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) has been forced to shut down two flow stations in Rivers State in the last six days. On August 16, SPDC shut its 14,200 barrels per/day Agbada 1 flow station, following protests by host communities in Mbodo-Aluu, Rivers State, over alleged nonpayment of compensation for a 2003 oil spill. Press reports claim protesting youths have not been violent or destructive, but have demanded USD 5 million to compensate four communities affected by the spill. Five days later, on August 21, a second flow station, Agbada 2, was also shutdown by protesting youths.

[1](#)2. (U) August 22, Shell External Affairs Director Don Boham confirmed the protesters allowed the company to reopen the flow stations as negotiations have started afresh with the affected communities.

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